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In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 CFR §1.56, Applicant hereby notifies the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office of the following documents, which are listed on the attached PTO-1449 Form. The Examiner may deem these documents to be relevant to patentability of the claims of the above-identified application. Copies of the foreign patents and printed publications, other than US patents and US patent application publications, are enclosed for the convenience of the Examiner.

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Applicants respectfully request that the listed documents be considered by the Examiner and be made of record in the present application and that an initialed copy of Form PTO-1449 be returned in accordance with MPEP §609.



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